

1873. Legislative Council. Petition From Major Kemp and thirty-two others.

(Presented by the Honourable Mr. NGATATA .)

*Ordered by the Honourable the Legislative Council to be printed, 25th September, 1873.*

# **To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.**

WE do hereby send you our opinion relative to the three Bills, the Native Land Bill, Native Reserves Bill, and Native Council Bill. We do not concur with these laws purporting to hold control over the Maori people, as well as over our land.

This is the unanimous decision of a meeting of Native chiefs held this day for the purpose of expressing their views regarding these three Bills, because we can see the evil contained in them. We do therefore pray you to grant our request.

## **Ki te Tumuaki o te Runanga kau matua.**

He kupu atu tenei kia koutou na matou mo nga pire e toru Te Pire o Te Kooti, o nga Whenua Rahui, o nga Kaunihera Maori, kahore matou e whakaae ki aua ture kia whai mana ki runga ki te tangata Maori ki o matou whenua hoki.

He tino kupu tuturu tenei na nga Rangatira Maori katoa i huihui i tenei ra ki te whakapuaki i o ratou whakaaro katoa mo enei pire e toru.

No te mea he kite iho no matou i te mate i roto i nga rarangi o aua pire e toru.

Koia matou i inoi atu ai kia koutou kia whakamanaia mai ta matou inoi.

Hepetema 10, 1873.

MEIHA KEEPA, and 32 others.